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## Shalom For All Mothers

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In another edition of, “what does that text mean?”, we dive into a hard verse that has been misinterpreted and used in various ways that are inaccurate. What we will see is the true meaning of the text and the hope for both genders in it as God intended.

Key Text: 1 Timothy 2:15

Contemporary views of the text:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-are-women-saved-through-childbearing>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/saved-childbearing.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHDEzGizJOW>

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## Transcript

Stay tuned for the last four or five minutes of the show. I had to update some of the material. Although what we were saying is correct, I've learned some new information and then I added something to the end of the podcast.

So thanks for listening guys and bear with me.

(music) For The King podcast coming at you on a Mother's Day in 2021. Mother's Day.

And it's rainy where we're at. So kind of a dreary Mother's Day but the word was preached on this Sunday. So praise God.

And we're now gonna go through some parts of God's word. Hopefully to you guys'

enjoyment. Concerning mothers.

Concerning mothers. Concerning. Concerning the mothers.

This goes out to all those mothers in Boston and the East Coast. Happy Mother's Day. Is that pretty good? That sounded good to me.

Thank you. So we are gonna do a Mother's Day themed text today. So this is gonna be another installment of the edition of what does that text really mean.

We do not have Essek with us this week. He said he'll be popping in and out. He will be popping in and out.

So we'll see. This week's an example of him popping out. I think he popped out this week.

Yeah. But he might show up in the middle of it. Yeah this summer we'll probably have him on again.

So we are doing another one of the what does this text really mean. And today we're gonna be in First Timothy chapter two. Dulse verse 15.

We'll probably read some of the other surrounding verses just to give us some context. But this is a Mother's Day themed text. So we are going to we're gonna we're gonna read the text and we are gonna we're gonna tell you what some misogynistic not rightly dividing the word of truth on the roles between men and women have done in the past to basically leave women in a state of works based religion based on this text.

Okay, so we're gonna we're gonna show that first. This is not what we think. Again, it's just trying to be funny.

There's guys kind of ridicule. I guess use some some rhetoric to ridicule how stupid somebody would have to be to read this and think this at the end of the day. So here we go.

Let me read. So starting 11 to 15. Sure.

Okay. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man. Rather she is to remain quiet.

For Adam was formed first then Eve and Adam was not deceived but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self control. So, so first off we're not going to be dealing with all the texts before we might do an episode on that another time.

But we're just going to be focusing and honing in on that verse 15. So when you read

verse 15 when it says yes, you'll be saved through childbearing or bearing. What that clearly means just upon reading it, the plain reading of the text, the plain reading in the text if you just read it.

What that means is that men are in a state of actually being covered by the blood of Christ in the new covenant while women are outside of it. The only way for them to be brought into grace is by bearing a child. Hence becoming a mother.

It's becoming a mother. Happy Mother's Day. Only mothers can be saved.

That's what it says. So that's a plain reading of the text without any other of the counsel of God helping inform us what's going on here. I'm actually not familiar with anybody who actually thinks that.

Really? Yeah, I don't know if I've ever met anybody who actually thinks that. I read some people. I don't I guess I can't like name names, but there have been I imagine it was probably oppressive Christians in the past that like wanted to treat women bad.

I guess I don't know. The Catholics had like a like in that book. I've been reading.

They talk about the witch hunts back in that day and it was almost always exclusively women. Women were always the witches. They were never sorcerers that were men or whatever.

It was always women and the Catholic Church actually said like to be a woman is to be unclean like the Jews would call women dogs. Yeah. So historically in religious circles in the Judeo-Christian tradition, women have been besides what's actually taught in the Bible about how Jesus Jesus loved women.

Jesus treated women great, but some of the people that have followed Jesus, that weren't exactly Christians have treated women really badly in the past. And I know the Catholic Church has I think used this text to it's a source of penance. I think for you know, they can earn their salvation through childbearing that kind of thing.

So I think this has been held in the past. Okay, cool. I could see that.

No. Yeah. I guess I can't name names though.

Anyways, this text does not mean that. So what does this text really mean? Because we just had a plain reading of the text which clearly says some one thing. Well, I'm actually going to read Matthew Henry real quick.

Just so we can put this in a great commentaries mouth from one of the best commentators. Seriously guys, you got to pick up this commentary. It's insane.

So here we go. So that last part of this verse is just talking about they will be saved

through childbearing by the Messiah coming if they would remain in faith and love holiness and self-control. You know, sobriety is just an older way of saying self-control basically being sober minded and having self-control thinking clearly.

So that's what Matthew Henry says. Even the context of the verse is already bringing up Adam and Eve. Exactly.

Yeah. So verse 13 and 14 talks about Adam was from first then Eve. Adam was not deceived but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

Yet she and who's the she referring to? Yeah. Eve. Yeah.

She will be saved through childbearing. So it's a huge distortion to go ahead and generalize what Paul himself is particularizing. Yeah.

So he makes it particular to Eve. So it would be a huge distortion and one that would absolutely ruin Mother's Day. Yes, it would ruin it.

It would ruin it. If you generalize that to all mothers or all women in general. She refers to Eve.

Eve was saved through childbearing. And as Rocky already read that brought Matthew Henry quoted Genesis 3 15 which is super famous verse some theologians call it the proto even jelly on jelly on jelly on jelly like peanut butter. Oh, yeah.

Yeah. You put it on your bread jelly jelly which just is a fancy way of saying the first gospel. Yeah, the first proto prototype.

It's the first and part of the first. Well, that's a Latin for first. Sure.

So Genesis 15 says after the cursings are being given to Adam Eve and the serpent God says to add to Eve. I will put enmity between you and the woman. Sorry.

This is actually to the serpent. My bad. This is to the serpent.

I will put in between between you and the woman in between your offspring and her offspring. He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel. So that's talking about the coming Messiah.

The one who is the great serpent crusher. Yeah. Right.

So this is clearly talking about a salvation that comes through that child. That dude children and buried children. That child.

Uh-huh. Just like you know Adam is the federal head of all humanity that we've now incurred the sin from that. Eve is kind of for all women.

The federal head I guess in a sense not of their sin but of their being the conduit by which the Messiah eventually comes. Right. So this is this is again it's particularizing to Eve who is like a obviously the first woman that started humanity right through her seed.

She's brought in a sense kind of life to all humanity. God's the one that gives life obviously but she is that kind of symbol of it I guess. He even quotes in Genesis.

She's the mother of all the living. Yeah. So she kind of represents all women in that.

So that's why he starts off talking about women broadly. He says likewise women should be doing this and that and verses like nine and ten like what women in general and then he says he roots all these roles for women in Adam and Eve. Yeah.

So he like again he he starts out with it generalized and he particularizes it in Adam and Eve and then he finishes off with saying that they shall be saved through childbearing up. And then it's talking about the Messiah because it says if they continue in what if they continue in faith love holiness and self-control. So I imagine you know when we see these lists of either vices or virtues in Scripture it's usually talking about something particular to that group of people.

So I can first Corinthians it will always talk about sexual morality will always be one of those things listed sometimes it never list that and it just talks about other things in different churches. Some of them struggle with idolatry. Some of them struggle with like different things but they're all they're all sin obviously.

So here we see faith love holiness and self-control. It's probably because these women were not because it says in verse nine likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel with modesty and self-control. So they probably they were lacking self-control.

They weren't being holy. They were probably dressing them honestly unholy like living and they weren't loving their brothers well by dressing modestly and they abandoned their first love faith in Christ kind of thing. So again that is that is what is being talked about.

They shall be saved through childbearing through Christ if they basically keep the faith. It's what it's the exhortation same with both men and women keep the faith. Be faithful be loving kind holy self-control.

Those are those are those are virtues for all Christians both men and women. Right. It's not like it just looks different in terms of the roles and specific things to what its body that they need to dress modestly because outwardly that's the way it works with their bodies versus men's bodies.

Men obviously need to dress modestly in a sense too but it's definitely more particular

for women. You know so there's unique things of godliness that are for each sex I guess in terms of leadership and submission things like that that are different that are actually what godliness calls for for each sex. Yeah.

Yeah. Yeah really good. And so the next transition we can go into is the saving is through the child.

It's the child the one who takes away the sins of his people right Jesus Christ who is the great serpent crusher. The one who is the child of Eve right. That's why in the genealogy of Jesus it traces all the way back to Adam Eve because that is the child.

That savior is the Lord Jesus Christ the one who partook in flesh the one who became like us though he though he was not like us he became like us. He condescended to our level and took on flesh that he could condemn flesh and himself by taking on our sins and giving us his perfect righteousness. And that's the beauty of the gospel.

That's what saves Eve. Yeah that's what saves all mothers. So she makes it a good Mother's Day.

Yeah. Right. That's that's what holds Mother's Day together.

Exactly. The coming Savior who came died was buried and rose again and will come again to judge the living and the dead. And we see after Eve has her first sons like the first kids that they're looking for one to crush the head of the serpent and like Cain and Abel like did not turn out well.

And then it keeps going. It keeps going. We're like shoot David might be this might be the guy.

This might be the guy that crushes the head the serpent's head and then David falls and messes up and then Solomon does it. And we're just looking for this guy that's going to actually save the day and crush the serpent's head and then obviously Christ is the Savior that we were looking for kind of thing. There's only one hero in his name is Jesus.

Exactly. That's it. Exactly.

OK. It's just one verse. We spent 15 minutes on it.

Oh yeah. We can talk about one thing that I suggested talking about that. I'm just going to build into this episode that just celebrating mothers in general that we have examples of Godly women and ungodly women in the Bible.

And one thing that Protestants can do. Bryce is giving me a look right now. I don't know exactly if he agrees with the way I'm about to portray this but Protestants can kind of go super far the other way and just be like oh we don't need Mary at all or whatever like that sense need like.

As if we need the full counsel of Scripture at all and she's in the story of God. So we need to actually look at all of Scripture and see that Mary is actually portrayed as a really good mother. She was a good mom like she wasn't perfect and she was not immaculate.

She was not born sinless. What are the other claims immaculate conception. What's the other one.

They deifier. They fire assumed into the Godhead. Yeah.

She's called the queen of heaven. Yeah. She's got.

She had. She didn't die. She actually had an ascension.

Oh my gosh. Yeah. That's crazy.

So yeah that's what the Catholic Street Mary. That's super heretical and contrary to the gospel. But Protestants can kind of.

Yeah. Again never even talk about Mary at all. And you know on Mother's Day there are some there are some women in Bible in the Bible.

Women in Bible that are pretty good. But yeah she was a good mom and she was Jesus's mother. So we want to just celebrate her faithfulness.

Obviously it was all God's work. We know perseverance at the saint God is the one working and willing us. And he worked and willed and married to be a woman that's actually worth emulating as a mother.

And that's why it says in her great confessions that Jesus was born of the Virgin. Yeah. Right.

That's why we get in Isaiah 9 the coming Messiah is one who is going to be born of the Virgin. Right. And that prophecy.

So yeah we definitely can celebrate the way in which God himself has entered the world. Yeah. Which is super beautiful.

So we can. Yeah. On this Mother's Day recognize the glorious Savior the Lord Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.

Right. So Mary like Rocky said is not immaculate. She's not sinless.

She's sinful and she's in dire need of a Savior. The one who is in her womb. Exactly.

It's like I actually like that song. Mary. Did you know Mary.

Yeah. Yeah. I don't know.

I get the song. It's like did you really understand what was going on. But like literally she had angels come revealed to her.

So I feel like she knew. In a sense. But I get the song is more like do you get the death.

This is the son. This is the Savior of the world. Sure.

I get that. I guess she's looking at the baby. This is the king of the universe.

And that's really the fulfillment of this verse I guess. You know Paul is just looking back on what's already occurred. Like they will be saved through childbearing.

That's that's like kind of. It's not the point of womanhood is not to have a baby. That's not the point.

But that is a very special thing. What. You don't think so.

Well I mean the point of humanity is to multiply reproduce I guess in a sense. But I mean like the point. The end the chief end of man and women is glorified God not to have a baby.

That's a way you if I got. Sure it can be a way. Yeah.

I just like kids are a gift definitely. But I guess what I'm saying is Eve. This is the.

This is what Paul is talking about and what. And Genesis 3 15 the proto Evangelion. Even jelly on.

Like jelly. It was looking towards what moment. Literally.

Mary is what Eve should have been. Yeah. So like Mary was again we can look back to proverbs and the wisdom talk like there's a woman of folly woman of wisdom like Eve was even says in this text she was deceived.

Like Satan didn't go to Adam to deceive him. He knew the woman would for whatever reason have like a higher proclivity to be deceived I guess I don't know why he exactly chose her I guess she just would have maybe he. I don't know.

I don't know exactly. But he tempted even she was the one that was deceived not Adam. But Mary was actually when she the difference is she listened to God and Eve didn't God told Eve not to eat the fruit.

She didn't listen to God. But when the angel comes to Mary and says Mary you're going to bear the Messiah. You're going to bear Emmanuel.

His name will be God with us. And what is Mary do. She like sings to God in Luke it records like she has a song that she sings and praises God that she gets to bear this this



privilege of being the mother of the Savior.

And she listens to God. She doesn't run away and do what's wrong or say no I'm not going to bear this. I don't know.

I don't know how she could have she could have disobeyed I guess in a sense because what is it. John the Baptist mom's Elizabeth. She actually disobeys and her husband goes mute for a while.

The husband disobeys. Sorry the husband disobeys. He asked him this question.

Exactly. Yeah. But Joseph and Mary were more of the what Adam and he should have been.

They were both like obedient. Yeah. Although not perfectly.

We're not trying to make a case for Catholicism's view of the saints. Like they're not. Catholics are wrong.

Catholics are very wrong. Extremely wrong. All that.

It is. It's heretical. I mean to worship Mary to actually pray to a saint to think there's other mediators.

But like Rocky said we have to have a healthy view of how we view biblical characters. It's still Lord who sustained Mary. Yeah we should pray.

Yeah that she would bear the child. Do you care if I read Mary's song of praise. I guess.

Whatever. I think it's cool. I think it's getting it's very wonderful because she's praising the Lord that the king of Israel is in her womb.

That's going to come. And Mary says this in Luke chapter 1 verses 46 and so on. And Mary said my soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my savior for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold from now on all generations will call me blessed for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name and his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud and their thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate. He has filled the hungry with good things in a rich. He has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy as he spoke to our fathers to Abraham to his offspring forever. And it's very beautiful because she's praising as she says she rejoices in God my savior. Right.

God is the one who saves her. She's not immaculate. She doesn't sit in the heaven.

But at the same time we can rejoice in these words by Mary and we can sing along with her. We can praise the Lord God our savior. It's the same thing when Jesus says how does David say in Psalm 110 the Lord says to my Lord.

If I'm David's son how can he call me Lord. It's the same thing here. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary but Jesus was not created.

Jesus is the pre-existent eternal second person of the Trinity who always existed co-equal co-eternal with God the Father. Right. He was sent into the world to become it come in our likeness.

Right. And we can rejoice in Mary. We can say God truly has shown favor to our lowly estates and particularly to me when she says all the nation.

What she said from now on all generations will call me blessed. We call her blessed because she carried the savior of the world and her womb. There truly was a virgin who truly bore the savior of the universe and her womb.

And this is what makes Mother's Day a very blessed day. Yeah. We should glory.

It's yeah. This is mothers are awesome. Yeah.

Mothers are awesome. Mary was a good mother. Mother worth imitating.

So still sinful. I don't still sinful hundred percent. I don't know if really any mothers listen to this podcast seems like a pretty young listener base.

But if you're a mother that emulate imitate Mary as she imitated her God. Yeah. And imitated Christ.

And but we just want to really hone in and kind of wrap up here that. Mary just like all mothers needs a savior. And that's what she prayed for.

And thanks be to God that he didn't forsake women and men both. He reconciles us both to God. But yeah God was gracious to us in sending his son and he literally became sin that we might become the righteousness of God that we would be able to stand before God and not be blown to smithereens.

That we can actually come before his holiness and actually have hope and come before him in confidence because of what Jesus has done. So yeah. And this Lord's Day.

Let's just remember that. Remember what Jesus did and happy Mother's Day. We love our mom a lot.

She's a great mom. And we celebrate her today as well. And she was saved by grace too.

That's right. Any last thoughts. Last note.

The church in a sense is our mother in terms of we dwell within her. Right. It's Christ's bride or the sons of God.

Jesus our elder brother. We can't confuse those things but we need to have a love for the church as well. It's very easy to criticize and hate and despise the church.

It says the the new Jerusalem is our mother. That's right. Which is the new Jerusalem is the church.

Right. Right. That's equations chapter three to four.

Yeah. Exactly. So we need to love the church.

We need to recognize the church's role as the bride of Christ and we need to constantly be seeking to build up the body of Christ. That's what me and Rocky are trying to do here. And for those of you who listen go build up the body of Christ by getting involved not neglecting to meet together but stirring up one another all the day while we see Christ's coming nearing.

And ultimately trying to glorify God. Yeah. Amen.

All right. Shut up Bryce. So I got something to say.

Finish up. Just kidding. Well after that I guess.

Do you got one more thing to wrap up here? I'll wrap up you wrap up and then I'll wrap up after. Well I'll wrap up after that. I got one more thing.

Gotcha. Then I'll just listen and then if something else about wrapping up comes to me then I'll wrap up after that. Okay.

The essay might pop in. Wrap up. Okay guys.

Good news. Really good news. I finished this semester.

And with that extra time I have done quite the thing. I have officially published a website for the King Podcasts website is up and running for the King Podcast. Not now.

No. Not now. Get that.

Don't listen to Bryce. He's leading you astray. His keep your fork tongue behind your lips.

If you go to for the King Podcast dot com you will find a wealth of information. You will find a picture of me. You can finally see what I look like.

It's not something you're going to probably spend three seconds in the scroll. That is the

best picture of me though. So that's about as good as it gets.

No. No. I do think it's the best picture of me.

There's a great picture. I think it's one of the best pictures I've ever taken. I think I look the best there.

So anyways, you can read a bio. You can read a little bit more about my story. I have like a bio section.

I have a homepage obviously where you guys can see a little bit of information about the podcast. There's like a little podcast player, a little intro to the bio and a little link to go read more about my bio and some of the comments that and reviews people have put on Apple podcast I put on there to make it look superficial. So thanks for those that did comment so I could put that on there.

Also there's two other tabs to tell you guys about. There's for the King episodes, which is I want the episode notes for each episode to be kind of like a blog in and of itself where there's information you can go read and look at and stuff. There's going to be a page that has all that and then there's going to be another page where I'm actually officially starting my own blog.

So go read that first blog post I put that I'll let you guys kind of understand. It's called Purpose. That was that first blog post I put in and it tells a little bit more about how I'm going to interact with the blog and what I'm going to be releasing.

I'm really excited for the blog too and I want to really build this platform but I don't want it to be a platform for me and Bryce. I just don't want it to be like that. I want it to be a community.

I want this to be a place where you guys all help produce what Bryce and I do and what I mean by that is ask us questions. We'll do a podcast on it. Send me certain things.

I'll do a podcast on it. We'll talk about it. We'll interact with it.

I actually have some ideas coming up of a listener named Grant that sent me a few things that I want to talk about. I'm actually reading a few books and a book he let me write now and hopefully we'll do a podcast about that and I'll have Grant on it and stuff like that. So yeah, please send an email or now that the website's up and running you can contact me through that because there's a little place to put little notes and inquiries on the website too.

So go to for the king podcast dot com. Enjoy your time on that website and let me know if it's not good. I've already left a comment on its inadequacies.

Bryce gave it one star. I'm the first for Bryce is my first one star rating to an Apple

podcast. I'm just kidding.

He didn't. Did you really leave a comment? Yeah. Oh cool.

I haven't checked it yet. I might reject it or delete it or something. It depends on what you said.

What was you? What was me? Okay. For the king listeners. See you.

What? You never like that. Oh, what do I usually say? Oh, yes. Yes.

Yes. Yes. Wow.

I guys, I'm so sorry. Thanks for listening. This is the for the king podcast.

Solely, day. Oh, Gloria for the king. I am recording this much later than the initial upload of this episode.

Shalom for all others because I have actually learned something new about the text in first Timothy two fifteen that I wanted to highlight because Bryce and I did not mention it. But the resources that I put in that the listeners could look at actually does hit on this. Bryce and I just didn't say anything about it.

So although there is that kind of partial implication that Matthew Henry is getting at that. The seed of the serpent is going to be odds with the seed of the woman and women being saved through childbearing and first Timothy two fifteen does have this kind of maybe peripheral implication that Eve would or a woman Mary would eventually be a new type of Eve to. Bear Christ and be saved through Christ.

But I think in the actual immediate text talking about the roles of men and women and specifically the roles of women in the church. He ends that section in first Timothy talking about women being saved through childbearing. So I think probably an even more accurate interpretation than even what Bryce and I were saying, which I think is partly an implication.

But something that's even more explicitly an application is that women are sanctified and saved through their childbearing. That is the curse of the fall that is given to women. Their role in childbearing is now the pains of that process are now increased and a man's role to go and work the ground and subdue the earth and have dominion over it.

That is man's primary role to lead to subdue have dominion, that kind of thing. A man's role is now much harder because God curses the ground. So I think actually the primary application is that women are saved through this trial by fire, which for women is having kids.

It's now the childbearing process is now hard and there's pain and they're suffering and

that is a way in which women are safe. So I wanted to highlight that. I think this text is actually more primarily talking about the roles of women and how women are saved through childbearing if they continue in faith level and in some propriety throughout the entire process of having kids, raising kids, that kind of thing, which is the primary role of women, not the primary role of man based in the creative order.

So this is also, I just read a book by Zach Garris called Masculine Christianity that eventually I will talk about later on in the podcast. I'm re-uploading this and adding it to the audio, but much later from when the Shalom for All Mothers was actually uploaded. But that book actually helped me understand this verse even a little better than Bryce and I already had understood.

So go look at that Got Questions thing and that article on Desiring God because they actually take a view of this. And here's something that John Piper says in that article, even though many women today and in history may feel the ongoing effects of the curse and the pains of childbirth and the lifelong wounds that it may leave. I urge all of our Christian sisters not to despair.

God's word to you is hope, not curse. God's plan for you is salvation, not destruction. Yes, just as the man must work out his salvation through the curse, cursed futilities and miseries of his labor, Genesis 3, 18, 19, the cursed crown, millions of women must find her salvation through the pains and miseries of childbearing.

The path of salvation is the same for her as for all the saints, continuing in faith and love and holiness with self-control. So they're played out. The trial by fire for both sexes is played out through faith, love, holiness and self-control, just like a man's would, except the role is different, which this text is talking about the roles of women.

So yeah, I think that is actually a more primary application. So I hope that was helpful and I'm uploading this much later, but bear with me. Bryce and I are still learning as we do the podcast.

So I hope that was good. Thanks for listening, guys.